

# Exhibit 1

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS MACHINES  
CORPORATION,

Plaintiff,

v.

JEFF S. SMITH,

Defendant.

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**DECLARATION OF  
ARVIND KRISHNA**

Arvind Krishna declares pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746:

1. I am the Director of Research at International Business Machines Corporation (“IBM” or “the Company”), and the Senior Vice President of IBM Hybrid Cloud. I have worked for IBM since December 1990, serving in a variety of research, technology and senior management positions. I was appointed to my current position by the Chief Executive Officer of IBM in January 2015.

2. I submit this declaration in support of IBM’s application for an order to show cause for leave to file under seal its Motion for Preliminary Injunction and all IBM confidential information submitted in connection with the motion for injunctive relief that IBM makes to enjoin Jeff Smith from taking a position as Vice President of Amazon Web Services (“AWS”), one of IBM’s principal competitors, during the remaining 9 months of his non-competition agreement.

3. From August 2014 until his recent resignation in May 2017 from IBM, Mr. Smith was one of the top 65 executives at IBM, a company with more than 380,000

employees. During that period of time, Mr. Smith was the Chief Information Officer (“CIO”), Transformation and Operations.

4. By virtue of his role, Mr. Smith was a member of IBM’s senior executive leadership team, which meets quarterly to discuss IBM’s performance and develop competitive strategies to win business from customers. He also was a member of IBM’s senior technology development team, which meets six times a year to discuss new technologies and product and service development plans.

5. Precisely because of his exposure to highly confidential and commercially sensitive information, Smith was one of IBM’s senior executives who signed a Noncompetition Agreement to restrict the potential disclosure of confidential IBM information in the event that he left the Company.

6. On June 13, 2017, Mr. Smith’s counsel provided formal notice to IBM that Mr. Smith had accepted a position to start competing against IBM on August 7, 2017 by joining AWS.

7. Were he permitted to join the senior management of AWS on August 7, 2017, I believe Mr. Smith would inevitably be involved in decision-making about how best to compete against IBM and would inevitably disclose or use IBM trade secrets and other highly confidential and competitively sensitive subjects regarding IBM’s proprietary plans, products, and strategies.

8. IBM’s Application for a Temporary Restraining Order and Motion for a Preliminary Injunction, together with the accompanying papers, contain certain IBM trade secrets and confidential information concerning plans for new products and services IBM designed specifically to compete against AWS, which are expected to be launched in the

coming year. They and the documents they attach contain highly confidential product design and development plans, the cost, capabilities, and functions of those products in development, competitive strategies, and other financial information.

9. The materials that contain this highly confidential and competitively sensitive information that Mr. Smith obtained in his role as CIO and through his membership on IBM's senior executive leadership and technology development teams were not distributed generally, and were kept in strict confidence among limited members of IBM executives and employees.

10. All discussions and materials for IBM's senior technology development team are to be kept strictly confidential. To illustrate how sensitive these materials are, even within IBM, one of the documents discussed in IBM's Application for a Temporary Restraining Order and Motion for Preliminary Injunction and attached in the accompanying papers was so sensitive, and so potentially damaging were it to be shared, that I directed all team members to destroy their copies of these materials less than a week after the materials were distributed.

11. The balance of these materials prepared for the IBM's senior executive leadership team and the senior technology development team meetings are each marked "IBM Confidential," a designation used within IBM to indicate confidential information. The information in these materials—and the information described in IBM's Application for a Temporary Restraining Order and Motion for Preliminary Injunction and accompanying papers—is highly confidential even within IBM. The information contained therein is not publicly available.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.



Arvind Krishna

Executed on July 31, 2017